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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Addendum

Proposed organization of work for the seventh session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

1. The proposed organization of work for the seventh session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, set out below, has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. Its purpose is to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time available, taking into account the conference facilities allocated to the Commission. The proposed organization of work and timetable were approved by the bureau of the Commission at its meeting held on 20 February 1998 and were discussed at the inter-sessional consultation meeting, also held on 20 February 1998.

2. The proposed timetable should be considered as purely indicative in character. Once the Commission completes the general discussion of an item before an indicated time, it may wish to move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.

3. The Economic and Social Council, by its decision 1997/232, decided that the Commission, from its seventh session onwards, in addition to plenary meetings, should be provided with full interpretation services for a total

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of 12 meetings for informal consultations on draft proposals and for meetings of open-ended working groups, with the precise allocation of time for the different types of meetings to be determined by the Commission at its seventh session under its agenda item entitled "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work", on the understanding that no more than two meetings will be held concurrently, in order to ensure maximum participation of delegations.

4. By the same decision, the Economic and Social Council decided that the theme for the seventh session of the Commission should be "Organized transnational crime". Accordingly, delegations are encouraged to prepare contributions highlighting actions against organized crime, especially in terms of the future work of the Commission. In this connection, delegations are advised to examine the most effective modes of international cooperation in this field, building on the work already done and making specific proposals for future follow-up work. The substantive discussion of item 6 will start on the first day.

5. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1996/27, decided that the Commission should establish an in-sessional working group for the purpose of considering matters related to the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, and the elaboration of a convention against organized transnational crime. In view of the progress made in the meeting of the Inter-sessional open-ended intergovernmental group of experts on the elaboration of a preliminary draft of a possible comprehensive international convention against organized transnational crime, it is recommended that four sessions of the working group be held, devoted entirely to the recommendations of the intergovernmental group of experts, contained in its report (E/CN.15/1998/5).

6. The open-ended in-sessional working group established by the Economic and Social Council pursuant to its resolution 1993/34, section III, should discuss various issues on United Nations standards, norms and guidelines in crime prevention and criminal justice.

7. It is proposed that the Commission, after its consideration of items 1 and 2, should begin its work with items 6 and 7, so that the working groups may be convened after the introduction of the items relevant to their work. It is also proposed that an equal number of meetings should be allocated for meetings of open-ended working groups and for informal consultations on proposals and recommendations on substantive agenda items. Consequently, the working groups, which will have at their disposal interpretation services in all official languages of the United Nations, should start their meetings on the morning of Wednesday, 22 April 1998, and should continue up to and including the afternoon of Friday, 24 April. Informal consultations by the Committee of the Whole on draft proposals should start on the morning of Monday, 27 April 1998, and should continue up to and including the afternoon of Wednesday, 29 April. It is expected that the plenary will conclude its meetings on the substantive items of the agenda in the morning of Wednesday, 29 April. This arrangement will allow time for the Commission to consider any outstanding matters on the morning of Thursday, 30 April.

8. A strict time limit of 10 minutes has been set for the delivery of statements on the substantive items of the agenda. Heads of delegations or representatives holding ministerial rank, whose attendance at the Commission may be limited, may deliver their statements or address the Commission on any of the agenda items at their convenience.

9. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the seventh session of the Commission. It is proposed that the meetings should be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Proposed timetable of work of the seventh session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Plenary*	*Time*	*Working groups or Committee of the Whole*
Tuesday, 21 April 1998	9.30 a.m.	Conference room III, "C" building, 7th floor, informal (organizational) meeting for members of the Commission and heads of delegations		a.m.	None
	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	1	Election of officers		
		2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work		
		6	International cooperation in combating transnational crime (a) Implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime: question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime, and other possible international instruments (b) Mutual assistance and international cooperation in criminal matters		
	3 to 6 p.m.	6	Continuation of item 6	p.m.	None
Wednesday, 22 April 1998	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	6	Continuation and conclusion of item 6	a.m.	Working group: Implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, and the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime
	12 noon	Closure of list of speakers on item 6			
	3 to 6 p.m.	7	Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (a) Administration of juvenile justice (b) Victims of crime and abuse of power	p.m.	Working group: Implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, and the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime

Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Plenary*	*Time*	*Working groups or Committee of the Whole*
Thursday, 23 April 1998	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	7	Continuation and conclusion of item 7	a.m.	Working group: Implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, and the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime
	12 noon		Closure of list of speakers on item 7		
	3 to 6 p.m.	3	Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders	p.m.	Working group: Implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, and the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime
	5 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 3		
Friday, 24 April 1998	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	4	Promotion and maintenance of the rule of law: action against corruption and bribery	a.m.	Working group: United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice
	3 to 6 p.m.	4	Continuation and conclusion of item 4	p.m.	Working group: United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice
	5 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 4		
Monday, 27 April 1998	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	5	Criminal justice reform and strengthening of legal institutions: measures to regulate firearms	a.m.	Committee of the Whole: Informal consultations
	3 to 6 p.m.	5	Continuation and conclusion of item 5	p.m.	Committee of the Whole: Informal consultations
	5 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 5		

Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Plenary*	*Time*	*Working groups or Committee of the Whole*
Tuesday, 28 April 1998	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	8	Technical cooperation, including resource mobilization, and coordination of activities (a) Technical cooperation (b) Resource mobilization	a.m.	Committee of the Whole: Informal consultations
	3 to 6 p.m.	8	Continuation and conclusion of item 8	p.m.	Committee of the Whole: Informal consultations
		9	Strategic management and programme questions (a) Strategic management by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (b) Programme questions		
	5 p.m.	Closure of list of speakers on items 8 and 9			
Wednesday, 29 April 1998	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	10	Provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Commission Consideration and action on any outstanding draft proposals	a.m.	Committee of the Whole: Informal consultations
	12 noon	Closure of list of speakers on item 10			
	3 to 6 p.m.		Consideration and action on any outstanding draft proposals	p.m.	Committee of the Whole: Informal consultations
Thursday, 30 April 1998	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.		Consideration and action on any outstanding draft proposals	a.m.	None
	3 to 6 p.m.	11	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventh session	p.m.	None